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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: REPLY TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S
REPORT ON STRATEGY FOR HIS MEETING WITH BONGO AND FOR THE
MAPUTO CONFERENCE (S/S 7713062)

REF: LIBREVILLE 1180

FOLLOWING FOR YOUR POSSIBLE APPROVAL AND DIRECT TRANSMIS-
SION TO AMEMBASSY MAPUTO FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG IS A SUG-
GESTED REPLY TO HIS REPORT TO YOU IN REFTEL.

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

1. I APPRECIATE YOUR REPORT FROM LIBREVILLE ON YOUR DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH FRITZ ABOUT THE FEELING OF THE
LEADERS OF THE MODERATE AFRICAN STATES THAT WE TAKE THEM
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TOO MUCH FOR GRANTED IN TERMS OF BOTH POLITICAL ATTENTION
AND AID. I AGREE WITH YOU THAT WE MUST CONVINCE THE
MODERATES OF OUR SUPPORT, AND I WILL BE VERY INTERESTED TO
HEAR THE RESULTS OF YOUR TALK WITH BONGO AND TALKS WITH
OTHERS IN MAPUTO. YOUR OBSERVATIONS ARE VERY MUCH IN LINE
WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS I HAVE SEEN FROM THE CHIEFS OF
MISSION CONFERENCE IN ABIDJAN THAT (A) WE SHOULD SUPPORT

AND STRENGTHEN OUR FRIENDS IN AFRICA, AND (B) WE SHOULD SEEK IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE MORE MILITANT OR PROGRESSIVE STATES BY TRYING TO INCREASE THE AREA OF SHARED INTERESTS, BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF RELATIONS WITH OUR FRIENDS. WE WILL NEED TO GIVE GREATER ATTENTION TO THIS IN THE FUTURE.

2. I AM PLEASED THAT YOU WILL BE WORKING SO CLOSELY WITH THE WESTERN GROUP IN MAPUTO. THE UNITY OF THIS GROUP IS BOUND TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON THE SOUTH AFRICANS, WHOSE POSITION IS SO IMPORTANT IN ACHIEVING PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE POTENTIAL SUCCESS OF THIS APPROACH IS ALREADY EVIDENT IN THE BEGINNING THAT HAS BEEN MADE ON NAMIBIA. WHILE IT MAY BE ASKING TOO MUCH TO EXPECT ALL OF THE COUNTRIES PRESENT AT MAPUTO TO RECOGNIZE THIS, I HOPE THAT MOST WILL AT LEAST UNDERSTAND WHY THE WESTERN POWERS CANNOT ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH EXTREME DECLARATIONS. YOUR PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS TO MAKE THIS CLEAR WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE.

3. I AM DELIGHTED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE AGREED TO YOUR VISIT ON TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO US. I HAVE SEEN THE DRAFT OF YOUR SPEECH (STATE 109423) AND BELIEVE IT STRIKES THE RIGHT TONE. IT SHOULD STIMULATE SOME CONSTRUCTIVE THINKING. YOUR PRIVATE TALKS WITH REPRESENTATIVE SOUTH AFRICANS AT THE RECEPTION ON SUNDAY WILL BE EQUALLY IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, AND I SHALL BE EAGER TO LEARN OF YOUR IMPRESSIONS FROM THAT OCCASION.

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4. WITH RESPECT TO THE LAST POINT IN YOUR MESSAGE, I UNDERSTAND THAT JIM LEONARD DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF THE NEXT UNICEF DIRECTOR AT LUNCH WITH WALDHEIM ON MAY 13. I WILL PURSUE THE MATTER WITH WALDHEIM WHEN I HAVE BREAKFAST WITH HIM ON MAY 19 IN GENEVA.

5. WITH VERY BEST REGARDS,

6. CY.

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